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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT OF 81ST PLENARY MEETING,  
3/15/76 ROUND VI -TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MSG NO. 131

1. SUMMARY: MOROKHOV RAISED EQUIPMENT AND CANISTER LENGTH ISSUES. STOESSEL ASKED FOR SOVIET VIEWS ON US EQUIPMENT POSITION, US SUGGESTIONS FOR MORE RESTRICTIVE PHOTO PROCEDURES, AND NUMBERS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. MOROKHOV HAD NO NEW RESPONSE. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ACCESS DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. STOESSEL READ STATEMENT (SEPTTEL). MOROKHOV SAID HE COULD NOT ADD ANYTHING NEW TO SOVIET POSITION ON EQUIPMENT. POST-EXPLOSION EQUIPMENT RETENTION MEANS "ALL EQUIPMENT IN WORKING SET." PARTY CARRYING OUT EXPLOSION TAKES PHOTOS. AGREED TO PRINCIPLE THAT NUMBER OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL LINKED TO NUMBER EXPLOSIONS, BUT POINTLESS TO DISCUSS UNTIL OBSERVER RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS, AND EQUIPMENT PROVISIONS AGREED.

3. STOESSEL ASKED FOR SOVIET OBJECTION TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL ACCESS "ANYWHERE." MOROKHOV SAID WORD TOO BROAD AND AMBIGUOUS. OBSERVERS COULD NOT GO "ANYWHERE," BUT COULD VISIT ANYPLACE WITHIN STATED AREA SO LONG AS CONNECTED WITH RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS AS DESCRIBED IN PROTOCOL. NOT EVEN PROJECT MANAGER COULD GO "ANYWHERE." OBSERVERS RESTRICTED FROM HOST LIVING QUARTERS, KITCHENS,

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ETC., AS WELL AS PLACE WHERE EXPLOSIVES STORED.

4. STOESSEL SAID USDEL HAS NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE TO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT USE OF LONGER THAN 10 METER CANISTER NOT EXCLUDED. US PREPARED TO PROVIDE FOR CONSULTATION ON THIS, BUT SUCH CANISTERS SHALL NOT BE USED UNLESS AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN PARTIES. WE DO OBJECT TO LANGUAGE SUCH AS SOVIETS PROPOSE THAT IMPLIES AUTHORIZATION FOR USE, OR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING ON BASIS FOR USE EXISTS. RESULTING DISCUSSION INCONCLUSIVE.

5. DURING MEETING, BEZUMOV STUDIED AND CONSULTED WITH BOCHAROV AND TIMERBAEV REGARDING TEXT OF NEW SOVIET ARTICLE REGARDING NUMBER OF OBSERVERS. TEXT APPEARED (UPSIDE-DOWN) TO PROVIDE FOR RELATING NUMBER OF OBSERVERS TO NUMBER OF EXPLOSIONS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) SINGLE EXPLOSIONS BETWEEN 100 AND 150 KILOTONS - 2
- (B) GROUP EXPLOSIONS WITH 2 INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS - 3
- (C) GROUP EXPLOSIONS WITH 3 TO 7 INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS - 4
- (D) GROUP EXPLOSIONS WITH 8 OR MORE INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS - 7

CONSIDERING OPENNESS WITH WHICH BEZUMOV HANDLED DRAFT, ABOVE INFORMATION MAY HAVE BEEN SOLELY FOR USDEL CONSUMPTION. STOESSEL

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